

Hello, my name is Shauna Giannuzzi, I am a BCBA in CT. I OPPOSE HB 5537, Section 6. I believe that the scope of practice of Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP's) should not be expanded to include provision of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) within Connecticut. They're coursework does not require them to take any courses in behavior analysis and therefore they will not be educated to be responsible for practicing ABA and overseeing it. This would also effect the children's progress and would not allow them a free and appropriate education because SLP's are not educated enough in ABA to make it appropriate for the children who receive ABA services. Also, this would negatively impact other professionals who use ABA, as well as others who do not. Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,

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